WILMINGTON, N. C.: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1872.

DEATH OF COLONEL ROBERT H.

COWAN. We announce, with a sorrow in which the people of North Carolina will unite, the death of Colonel ROBERT H. COWAN, which occurred in this city, yesterday morning, at ten minutes past eight o'clock. In the prime of life, though after suffering a long and painful illness, he passed quietly to his rest, surrounded by his stricken family and friends.

Colonel Cowan was born in Wilmington, on the 23d day of August, 1824, and was consequently but little more than forty-eight years of age. His father was Robert H. Cowan, deceased, of this city, and his mother was a daughter of late Governor David Stone, of this State, who was successively a member of the Legislature, Governor, Judge of the Supreme Court and United States Senator. After receiving a good school education, he entered the University of North Carolina sufficient for us to transact our business in 1840, and graduated in 1844, with the tory oration of his class. In May, 1845, he married Eliza J. Dickinson, daughter of at once became engaged in the steam milling business, which he continued for a number of years. He was an ardent Whig in polities, and was recognized as one of the best popular orators of that party in the Eastern part of the State.

Being a very earnest and thorough coutherner, when the "John Brown raid" hat the time had come for the Southern cople to act in unison, regardless of old addition partisan differences, and thenceforward, with the manly candor which haracterized him in all the relations of life, he stood forward as one of the boldest and bravest defenders of our people and

appointed Lieux-Colonel of the Third Reg. iment State Troops, commanded by the late Colonel Gaston Meanes, and upon the reorganization of the 18th Regiment, Secretary has made it. was elected Colonel of that regiment While in command of the Eighteenth, ill health, resigned his commission. So highly were his qualities as an officer lesteemed by General Lee and President Davis, that he found a commission as Brigadier General made out and ready to be forwarded to him as he passed through Richmond on his return home. His feethe health, however, forbade any longer

On the 21st of October, 1863, he was elect-

ed President of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, and remained its President until July 20, 1869, when Gov. Holden ousted him and gave the position to Dr. Sloan. In the management of that road Colonel Cowan exhibited ability, faithfulness and financial skill under great disadvantages. He was a mem-Ler of the Legislature of 1865-'66, and 1866-'67, and was recognized by these bodies as one of their ablest men. He was nominated for Speaker, and after five close ballots was defeated-the policy of electing one less pronounced in his polititical opinions having prevailed. He was prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination for Governor and for United States Senator, but being under political disabilities he declined to allow his name to be used. For some time previous to his death he had been Presi-

Company. We have thus very briefly sketched his public career, in every portion of which he commanded respect by his unquestioned ability, his absolute fearlessness, his manly frankness, his generosity and charity. But it was in his social life that he was most admired and loved. He was a gentleman, always, and everywhere not a merely polite man, but a high-souled, warmhearted, hospitable, cultivated gentleman, Perhaps no brighter tribute to his character as a kind, charitable and humane man could be paid than is to be found in the fact that the colored people of Wilmington, generally, and his former slaves, particularly, seemed to love him, and, unless we are mistaken, the evidence of it will be seen at his funeral this afternoon.

No man lives in vain. No one of us liveth unto himself. For good or for evil unto his fellow-men every one lives and moves and has his being; no one of human kind can leave the world unaffected by his life and example. We realize this to-day. The life of him whom we mourn had searcely passed its meridian, yet no man dare say that North Carolina is not better and brighter and purer for the life and example of him whose untimely end to-day engrosses all our thoughts. In every and yet so persistently, that they could not help but learn. Faithful and brilliant as a student; successful as a business man; an officer; honest and unswerving as a politician; as a statesman, capable in the highest degree, and true to North Carolina chivalrous, kind, charitable and always a day we mourn.

the sudden death of the Rev. Dr. J. Brin- tion by fire, the calamity of inflation. The ton Smith, met on yesterday, when the re- one devastation is all the country can bear. port of the celebrated Dr. Genth, of Phil-

adelphia, was read by the Coroner.

That \$44,000,000.

We are glad to see the currency question exciting so much interest. We trust it will continue to attract attention and pro- magnanimous trust. voke discussion until the present iniquitous mode of supplying the demands of the business of the country for a circulating medium shall have been done away with.

The power to expand or contract the volume of the currency at will, is a power so fraught with ruin and disaster to the country in its abuse, and withal so liable to abuse, that it ought not any set of men. Nor are Mr. Boutwell's antecedents, either as a man, a politician or a financier, such as to make us willing to confide to him a trust so momentous in its

Boutwell, or the merchants of New York, or the members of Congress, know of North Carolina than we do ourselves; nor can we see upon what principle of ustice or common sense they can underwith. It strikes us that in this matter, as highest distinction, delivering the Valedic- in others, we can attend to our own business better than any one else can do it for us. We trust the day will soon come the late P. K. Dickinson of this city, and when the present arbitrary, oppressive, unequal and compulsory financial system of the country, that has kept us so long in poverty, will come to an end.

The Montgomery (Ala.) Mail and Adertiser well says: "The power claimed by Secretary Boutwell to inflate our greenback currency at his discretion to the extent of forty four millions, is a power to coursed he openly declared his conviction | make rich men poor whomsoever he will. "You are a heavy buyer of pork, or

> vheat, or cotton, or beef; the Secretary gives his screw a turn by drawing in greenbacks, and you are ruined by a fall of your commodity in price which you could not have foreseen and provided for; or you sell one of those staples for delivery at a day specified, when you shall have returned from buying, and he lets out a flood of greenbacks and makes you rich in a day. Your commodity is really worth no more than before; you only pay for it, in reality, ess than you bargained to do, while its nominal or face value was 1-ss than the

"If there is to be inflation or contraction it should be effected on ample publis in the battles around Richmond, he was | notice, in accordance with law. The Secwounded and afterwards, on account of retary's actual course is despotism of the Turkish pattern. It cannot abide discussion."

Our Financial System.

The signs of the times show only too plainly a deliberate attempt to create a financial panic. If it shall succeed, it will simply be a repetition of the old game that has been played so long in this country, in which the few win and the many lose The great loss of property caused by the recent destructive fire in Boston is the pretext seized upon by the parties who are seeking to build up their fortunes by reducing to beggary and starvation thousands of their fellow-beings.

The possibility of such an attempt being successful gives food for very serious reflections upon the conduct of the affairs of a great and apparently prosperous people is something radically wrong in the manage- \ \$100,000,000. ment of its financial affairs, when the destruction of less than one hundred millions of property in a remote section of this country shall threaten to convulse it from centre to circumference in every direction. It is safe to say that there is something radically wrong in the system that to-day places it in the power of one panic, a crisis and a crash in our affairs, dent of the Wilmington Life Insurance that will be felt during the remainder of our lives. No human being that ever lived ought to be entrusted with such power. The temptation to exercise it for private and personal gain is

If there was needed any proof to demonstrate the proposition that the people ought to be left free to manage their own business affairs, it is to be found. full and ample, in the condition of the much currency is needed and shall be used to carry on its business. The result is that the country is under the control of a comparatively very small number of capitalists at the North. It is absurd to suppose that New York capitalists know what are the business demands of Georgia, or of Mafin, Mullen & Elms, Harding, Bro. & the views of New York or Massachusetts they shall enjoy. If we had not witnessed so many other strange things, this would strike us with astonishment. As it is, however, we seem to take it as a matter of course. The present financial system of the many an engine was kept nobly at work relation in life he has taught men United States can give no greater proof of while the hydrant was wet down by hand down toward Federal and up in the directheir duty and taught them so lovingly, its impolicy than the fact that it depends hose, and the engineer could only hold his tion of Washington street, was a terrible

earnest and devoted as a patriot; courage-leading New York dailies, and from the flying through the air as if they were feath-lits grasp. As each edifice caught fire from flying through the air as if they were feathous as a soldier; beloved and efficient as Philadelphia Bulletin, will show what danger is apprehended:

From the New York World. as the needle to the pole; as a man gentle, of the Treasury, is in the city, and an- hardly elapsed before it was evident that nounces himself on duty to stave off a pos- Beebee's Block, the finest business strucsible financial panic from the Boston fire. ture in the city, built of granite, five stories gentleman, he was one of those rare and We are very happy to hear it; for if he car in height, with the cursed Mansard roof card-board. Huge masses of materia loved ones whom men cherish when liv- do little or nothing of use, he can refrain over all, must go. Within thirty minutes ing, and honor and reverence when dead. from doing much harm. This is the very the flames were coming out in flery bil-Such was Robert H. Cowan, whom to- nick of time for him and Secretary Bout- lows from every window, and up the stairagain inflate the currency. This they did a perfect column of flame. This building send the streams of water where they were State, and of Virginia, to enable complete Another noble son of North Carolina utterly without warrant of law the other served but as fuel for the flames. Pieces needed, to do service. has departed from among us. He died day so as to make things easy for Grant's of dry goods went whistling across the in the full faith and communion of the Episcopal Church. May God rest his soul in peace.

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From the New York Times. Already the Secretary of the Treasury The report of Lr. Genth, was in sub- has been telegraphed to, in order to secure stance that the stomach contained strych- some action that will arrest the panic which nine, the brains indicated the effect of certain bankers and insurance companies strychnine having been received in the apprehend. Mr. Boutwell may, undoubtstomach; strychnine was in the glass from edly, be relied upon to prevent the Govwhich the Dr. drank the seidlitz powder, ernment securities, which will necessarily and the spoon, which was used to sweeten be thrown upon the market, from becomwith sugar the seidlitz powder, had strych, ing the sport of the speculators. Any other action which can be legitimately ex-The jury rendered a verdict in accord- pected of him, with a view to relieve the were rushing to and fro, carrying children, J. Brinton Smith came to his death by inomentary financial pressure, will unquestionably be exerted. There may be a few hands. One ran screaming through High streets gave them an impression of terror The fine residence near Williamsboro', poison, administered by the hands of Mrs. hundreds of men interested in promoting a street with a stove funnel in her hands, few will ever forget. It was, indeed, a Granville county, known as the Nine Oaks, other cases in the city. All of them are of idle, and leave to others to do that which Lucy Boddie, do, embroidery; Mrs. hundreds of men interested in promoting a street with a stove funnel in her hands, few will ever forget. It was, indeed, a leave to others to do that which Lucy Boddie, do, embroidery; Mrs. hundreds of men interested in promoting a street with a stove funnel in her hands, few will ever forget. Frances A. Mann, his daughter, and Mrs. feeling of general distrust and alarm in re- while another was tugging a heavy chest startling scene for those who arrived on the and the former residence of the Hamiltons, Smith, wife of the deceased, as the custo- gard to the consequences of this calamity. What would have been weight for a strong ground after midnight, for the new-comers was also destroyed by fire a few days speedy recovery. Messrs. Southerland & selves.

York will take measures at their meeting of to-day to show that Boston does not look to them in vain to array themselves on the side of generous forbearance and

From the New York Tribune. Disasters by sea and land; the failure of an American banking house abroad; the advance of its rate of interest to seven per cent. by the Bank of England; the fact that our Banks were not in a strong position at the date of their last reportthese are among the elements of a pressure if not panic which the bears of the Stock Market will doubtless improve to the utmost to-day. The Boston calamity afone o be entrusted to the hands of any man or gives them ample material for a day of un

usual activity and premise. Against them are the facts that the civlized world is at peace, with no war-clouds in its sky; that our harvests have been abundant, and that our produce is now going forward to Europe : that our country is increasing its wealth at the rate of two to three billions per annum; that even the wrong. We cannot see upon what prin- loss in Boston, though fearfully heavy, is but a tithe of one year's addition to our goods in the cellar, and sent their summer National wealth; and that whatever checks the current of speculation must ultimately better how to regulate the business affairs If we construct fewer railroads in the future than we have done in the past, we shall have more employment for those already made; if we live less generously, we shall save more carefully. There is a siltake to say what amount of currency is | ver lining to every cloud, and those who possess their souls in patience shall see it

From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Whatever Mr. Boutwell can do under the authority of existing laws-most liberally construed-to maintain an easy condition of the money market, and particularly to take from the market all offerings of Government Bonds, he should not hesitate to do promptly and generously at this time. Many of the insurance companies, in preparing to pay their lesses, must realize upon their Government bond reserve. If assured that the Treasury policy will continue the course bitherto pursued, so gratifying and satisfactory to the whole business interests of the country, confidence will be fully maintained, business will continue undisturbed and the money markets soon resume a condition of ease

We hope Mr. Boutwel' will not hesitate to buy bonds and sell gold, leaving the proceeds of the latter with the National Banks on deposit till wanted, and will give all assurances that the Government regards the preservation of the business interests of the country as of the same vital importance as the maintenance of its own sov-

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BOSTON

BUSINESS CENTRE OF THE CITY BURNED.

SEVENTY ACRES OF BUILDINGS

DESTROYED. LOSS ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS OF

DOLLARS. GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF THE CA-

LAMITY.

Bestruction of Dry Goods and Shoe and Leather Houses.

STORES.

EXPLOSIONS. Firemen Fighting the Fire Fiend-An Army of Thieves at Work-The Progress and Extent of the Fire, Losses.

Insurance, &c. Bosron, Nov. 10.-The most disastrous conflagration ever known in New England commenced in this city last night, between seven and eight o'clock, in the midst of the business part of the city, and the centre of the dry goods trade. It has continued that permits it. It is safe to say that there property is estimated at not less than

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. There was hardly a breath of wind stirring when the alarm was sounded, at half-past fire broke out from the fourth story of a the city. large four-story granite store on the corner of Summer and Kingston streets, occupied in the first story by Tibbetts, Baldwin & man to say whether or not there shall be a Davis, wholesale dry goods dealers. It had New Bedford and elsewhere all promptly caught in the engine room, and the flames responded to the call for aid by the city ausped with lightning rapidity up the large underneath the woodwork of the roof. any other store had caught. The buildings | the city will be destroyed, with immense in the vicinity were all of granite, four sto- stores of valuable goods. ries high, and each surmounted with a

rected upon it from all quarters. Fire was Boston. constantly in the air, one building after another caught on the roof, and the flames skipped along from window to window, so country to-day. Congress has undertaken that in less than thirty minutes every to dictate to the country what and how | check was blanched as it became evident that the whole city in one direction was AT THE MERCY OF THE FLAMES,

> which were leaping from roof to roof, and from one building to another. THE SECOND BUILDINGS TO

succumb were directly opposite to that in which the fire broke out, occupied by North Carolina better than the people of Co., Bowen, Moore & Co., Geo. Sides, these States do; and yet it depends upon | Carter & Co., and Conaut Brothers-all wholesale dealers in dry goods and fancy goods. This was at the corner of Otis capitalists what and how great or how Place. The heat now became infernal. every moment was heard the sound of

GRANITE BLOCKS EXPLODING. Whole frames fell into the streets, making driven from one station to another, and upon the will of Mr. Boutwell to hasten or stave off a crash.

place while the stream of water was playing on him. Blocks of granite weighing blocks of the burning masses. The fire tens were split if by powder, and hurled had full possession of the buildings within

FIREMEN'S BARRICADES. worked behind them, but they were burned Judge Richardson, Assistant Secretary almost as soon as erected. An hour had well to publicly forswear the intent to way leading to A. T. Survait's rooms, was

> A HURRICANE now raged, and owing to the intense heat and perfect sleet of coals, drove everything before it. Every building was now heated Four-story granite blocks seemed like shavings. Deafening explosions were constantly heard. New terror was now added to the babel of confusion. Tenement houses at the upper end of Federal street

were fast being licked up by the flames, and WOMEN CRAZED AND FAINTING

having large interests at stake, had been during which time they could work, bringing out perhaps a hundred pieces of cloth. One man, Marshal Cotter, got out twentypresent at the fire from an early hour. PREPARATIONS FOR EXPLODING GUNfive thousand dollars' worth of kid gloves, POWDER.

After repeated solicitations on the par of business men, owners of real estate and others, Chief Engineer Damrell, just bethe goods to a place of safety. In less than an hour he had to flee for his life, and the fore 2 o'clock, gave the order to rope off the streets leading into Milk street, preparatory to blowing up the buildings on the south side of that street ... A body of United States marines from the navy yard marched up Washington street about : o'clock, and tendered their services on police duty, which were immediately ac-

Shortly after 2 o'clock

gerous time-crammed from cellar to gar- cepted. ret, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth were on hand that might have been delivered to customers had it not been for the horse disease. In one store alone there was \$100,000 worth of wool stored, which was awaiting delivery. Minor, Beall & Hacket had their store packed full, having only put in their winter's stock three hours before the fire enveloped it all. Marsh Bros. & Sierce had just put their winter goods up stairs to be made up.

came next, and with the end of Federal street went the majority of the large city could be stopped short of Franklin street, control of intersecting streets, with full but the stores there were as vulnerable as liberty to use powder in the stoppage of any of the others.

and had them placed on the sidewalk in a

damaged condition. He offered a hack-

man five hundred dollars in vain to take

flames were not again cheated of their

WOOL HOUSES

were going like oil factories. They could

never have been attacked at a more dan-

The fire was now in Federal street,

Freeman's National Bank went at 10 Bank of North America was in as bad con-

Every street in the neighborhood of the

fire is thronged by people, all endeavoring

to save a few valuables as they flee toward

Tremont and Court streets, where the fire is supposed to be unable to reach. But there is no telling where this AWFUL TORRENT OF HEAT AND FLAME will stop, as the wind has already risen to a gale, and it seems to have no positive direction or current. As the flames in crease in intensity and power, the very atmosphere lends additional force to the wind, which rises, as it were, in our midst, and goes rolling over the track of the fire,

tion of the city still untouched. The placed in untouched edifices in the apparent track of the fire, and THE AWFUL SCENE

The note of preparation for the worst simply nothing. has been sounded everywhere, consequently the aggregate loss will be greatly

portable goods. DIFFICULTY OF TRANSPORTATION. The greatest difficulty, however, is expe-

rienced by the merchants in procuring the necessary means of transportation, as the horses are nearly all ill with the disease the city may be saved by this means, as that has so afflicted the larger cities of the Union. Fabulous prices are being paid for such services, and yet the demand is far greater than the supply. How will it but it is plain to be seen that water alone end? every one is asking, though I hardly offers no weapon powerful enough to fight dare put the question to myself. It seems the fire fiend. At 4:05 o'clock a most ter-BANKS, CHURCHES, DWELLINGS, to me that if it cannot be conquered now, rific explosion took place, which undoubtthere is no reason to think that it will be edly did good service. At 4:30 buildings until it reaches the water, in which case it TERRIBLE SCENES, GUNPOWDER will sweep through Dock square, taking Faneuil Hall and the Quincy market, thence continuing its way toward the shipping at the Commercial and Lewis wharfs, and so on up the harbor.

I am sorry to say that Boston is no better than other cities, for in the midst of the terror and confusion that exists in our at once dispelled. At 4 o'clock this mern-

THIEVES ARE BUSY AT WORK, deed, it is difficult to tell friend from foe, and many owners are compelled to see their valuables carried off by unknown roughly estimated at seventy-five or one desperadoes, without venturing to remonraging all night and to-day, and the loss of strate or stop the lawless proceeding. The police do all they can to protect property, but the multitude prevent their doing much, and so they content themselves with | fore we have a grand total loss in buildings making arrests whenever it is possible .- | alone of upwards of \$100,000,000. Nearly two hundred men and boys have seven o'clock, followed by a second, third already been locked up, and also several and fourth in rapid succession, but the first | women. All of these prisoners are of the engine was hardly on the ground, when the lowest class, and come from the purlicus of feat in the late election, is the suspension

FIREMEN FROM ABROAD. The firemen from Newburyport, Lowell, Woburn, Chelsea, Cambridge, Charlestown, thorities, and dispatches are constantly elevator, and were first seen climbing coming in announcing their departure by special trains. But before they can arrive

It is a section entirely filled up with tentoo great for poor human nature to resist. Mansard roof, none of them being over ement houses, mostly of wood, which original founders, and the friends who lot it be one in truth Yet, to-day, Mr. Boutwell possesses this five years old. The detached splinters seems to me to be a strong reason for beflew readily as the air was heated by a lieving the statement to be correct. The terrible heat, and soon the flames began flames cannot go far in this direction, howicking the Mansard roofs on the opposite ever, as they will soon come to the water side far above the reach of the streams di- dividing Boston proper from South mainly upon a change in the National Ad-

It is rumored that several lives have been lost in the flames, though of course there can be no certainty of the fact. It is very probable, however, as the rapid progress of the flames could scarcely have occurred without some of the thousands of the panick-stricken people being engulied in

As I passed through the neighborhood of the fire, rumors were rife that some charred bodies had been found, but I could not obtain any confirmation of the fact. The fire has been so little dependent upon the wind that I cannot call any place

in the city safe. It has not got above Tremont street, however, or gone toward the West or South ends; but where one has been, as I have, stone buildings that were small facilities for transacting business The streets ran rivers of water, and at called wholly fire proof, go down before

corner of Mi'k and Devonshire streets, and all farewell. the contents in a single moment, and the were sinking every minute, and carried down with the floors, one by one, until the walls became isolated and fell with a crash. Whole blocks of buildings disappeared in this manner, crumbling up like so much

choked the streets, and, taking fire, created A SOLID BODY OF FLAME. human being could stand near enough to ed by the Legislature of your State, this

The firemen are utterly exhausted alup to the city, as the depots are in danger.

IT IS A TERRIBLE SARRATH that is dawning for Boston, and we cannot Greenleaf, of New York city, Secretary. throwing at his head his "hippogarrheto" as if in a furnace and caught like tinder. will not be checked until the day has far New York city. You must aid Captain cover. advanced, even if the effort be successful Drane in getting the necessary legislation. then. People talk of the LOSSES IN MILLIONS

as readily now as they did of thousands at midnight.

A MEETING OF CITIZENS was held in the mayor's parlor in the City Hall, Mayor Gaston being present, and Chief Engineer Damrell occupying the informal presidency. On motion of Gen. Wm. L. Burt, a de-

tail of citizens was authorized to take charge of all the streets leading directly to the fire, and have exclusive control of them, with the assistance of the police, with authority to take any action they might see fit in the emergency. The detail consisted of Gen. Burt, Alderman Jenks, Colonel Shepard and other welldealers. It had been hoped that the fire known citizens, and each one has the devouring element, in case they should consider it expedient, and with the consent of the chief engineer of the fire departclock, and an hour later the National | ment. It was also authorized that in case of necessity the military should be called

At the above meeting his honor Mayor Gaston expressed his perfect willingness to cucumber, which measured 4 feet 8 inches call out the military to relieve the police- in length and 12 inches in circumference. men, and he even desired to issue the or- It was in the shape of a horse collar, and der at 1 o'clock this morning, but as none at a short distance would have been readiof the military officers present knew how by taken for one. their men could be notified before to morrow, (Sunday) the matter was held in abeyance, and it is very much more than probable they will have to go on duty this

5 o'clock, A. M.—The report of build- and favorable for the spreading of the disings blown up, indicating that gunpowder | case, hurling dense showers of fiery sparks into was being used to stop the fire, was heard the air, only to send 'them over that por- at five minutes past 3 o'clock, and was the rumbling noise of the torrent of flame is | betokened a fearless, honest, radical effort now and then relieved by the detonation to save Boston from Chicago's fate. Three of masses of gunpowder, which have been discharges were made in a block on Devonshire street, and these threw the buildings partially down, but

WITHOUT APPARENT BENEFIT. is rendered more fearful and appalling by for the flames jumped over the gap almost the appearance of the fragments of these instantly. The block was close to the fire. demolished houses as they fly upward into and unless blocks more distant are speedily prostrated, the effect will, of course, be

The trains were laid in Federal street about 2 o'clock, and the street was immelessened by the prompt removal of all diately cleared for action. At 3:45 o'clock the path of the conflagration by the explo- tion, representing near 60,000 members, sion of the guppowder was begun in good earnest, the

SHOCKS SHAKING THE CITY to its foundations. It is to be hoped that partial returns show 2,800 members. nothing else will.

The firemen, though exhausted by their arduous labors, are still working with a will, on Devonshire street were

A determined effort is being made to prevent the further progress of the flames northward. The Transcript building caught fire just before 4 o'clock, the flames such rapidity that all hope of saving it was ing the fire extended from Washington street on the west to the wharves on the and frequent arrests are being made. In. east, and from Milk street on the north to the Hartford and Eric railroad bridge on the south, the area of the burnt district being hundred acres.

The estimate of a well-known real esta'e man is that the loss on buildings will average \$12 per foot for this area, and thereshow that over seven thousand persons

the Washington Patriot.

Among the many ill effects of our deof the Patriot. In its last issue we find the following words of FAREWELL,

After two years of earnest effort to establish a Democratic journal upon a solid basis at the Capital, and to render it at least partially worthy of the high mission in which it engaged, we are pained to The engines were fairly at work before the greater part of the business section of confess that the experiment has failed to realize our hopes, and to announce that the Patriot will be suspended after to-day. In undertaking this responsible task, the generously contributed of their means to aid the enterprise, were aware of the serious difficulties which beset their path, and that permanent success depended ministration. To that great object, then, our labors were chiefly directed. We are defeated, and political disaster brings in its

train material disappointment. In the discharge of our functions, errors have doubtless been committed, while in the sharpness of controversy, expressions may have perhaps been hastily employed, which, upon better reflection, we have sometimes recretted. If injustice has been done, or feelings wounded by either of these infirmities, we hope this candid expression of regret will make atonement, and allow us to look back upon a career | tence on account of the miserable pronun- and bringing wealth from afar ! All this now closed, with the contentment which

comes from an upright conscience. We cannot part with the friends who intelligibly. He needed better evidence bringing wealth to our people, enabling all port, their wise counsel, and their generous devotion, without emotion and gratitude. If we have not succeeded, it was no fault as being published in Harper's Monthly, the world. the flames like tinder boxes, he cannot say of theirs. Whatever the future may have the Galaxy, the Atlantic Monthly, West- Four years ago this Association inauguthat any part of the town will resist the in reserve for us, we shall always recur minster Review, and most of the literary rated the first Agricultural and Mechanical with pride and pleasure to these associa- publications of the day. Educate your Fair, upon these Grounds, that had ever tions, and cherish them as among the best Boston, 5:30 a. m .- The scene at the of our recollections. We bid them one dangerous foes can be met.

THE COASTLINE RAILROAD.

NORFOLK, WILMINGTON, GEORGETOWN AND CHARLESTON.

The Georgetown Times has a communication concerning the prospects of the pro- called into action, and being called, acted. augurated. And all of them, we hope, torrent of flame grew in strength and posed coast line route, in which is the The firemen erected barricades and power with terrible velocity. Falling roofs following letter from the projector of the W. Babb, Dr. McDowell, Jordan W. H. ing basis. Coldsboro, N. C., Oct. 15.

Dear Sir-Yours received. The pr pect to build the railroad from Norfel's to Charleston via Wilraington, of which we spoke, is very encouraging. We have agreed upon terms of consolidation, but before we can issue bonds, etc., we need Fire engines were utterly useless, for no further legislation. We need an Act passconsolidation-that is to make it one corporation-to issue one bond for the whole time. There has been no location of the the Herald's man. Yours, truly,

L. W. HUMPHREY.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES IN GRAPVILLE. Men and women from every part of the We learn that the tobacco factory of J. D. city came from their homes to see the fire, C. Pools, Esq., near Kittrell's Springs, was but before they reached the vicinity the destroyed by fire a few days since. This

State News.

Raleigh has a 14 pound cabbage. Lenoir gives Grant 603 majority. Nary O'Conor vote at Statesville. The horse disease is abating in Golds

Grant's majority in Wake county is

The Raleigh Sentinel boasts of a potatoe

weighing over 14 pounds. Something over \$100 has been subscribed for the Asheville Brass Band.

It is proposed to form a horse racing

club, with headquarters at Goldsboro. Col. L. W. Hamphrey, of Wayne, suggested for the speakership of the next

tle smaller than a man's hand, sell in Asheville for 50 cents a bushel. Bonitz, of the Messenger, is a man to be sorry for. The rush made for his paper by his advertising triends compels him to

enlarge his weekly. The Raleigh Sentinel says: The Public Treasurer, on Saturday, paid to M. A. Bledsoc, President of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, \$6,000.

Humphrey had an offer of \$2,500 for 25 feet front on the corner of the old Gregory hotel site, which offer he declined. The Reidsville Record says: We were shown vesterday a Soloquae, or Chinese

The Raleigh News says: The Epihippic continues to excite our citizens, stock owners especially. We have nothing new to report from the malady. But few new cases; none have proved fata!, and those

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION. - This ody convened in Fayetteville Wednesday. The last meeting was at Charlotte a year ago. This is the 42nd annual meeting, and will extend from Wednesday to Saturday inclusive, and the ministers and members will generally remain until after. Sunday. There are two Baptist Conventions -separate Associations in this State of the ame church. The largest embraces the whole State east of the Blue Ridge, and

the other is west of that line. The Associations are smaller divisions and number from 20 to 50 churches, and usually include from two to three counties or parts of counties. The minutes of the last Convention show 25 Associations east this a. m. the destruction of buildings in of the Blue Ridge as forming this Convensome 562 churches, and over 430 ministers. Full report is not given from the 13 Associations west of Elue Ridge except that they work with their bands the thing ruta baga turnips, stack corn, comblines, The wealthiest and most influential

church is thought to be Dr. Pritchard's, in Raleigh; the fluest and largest is perhaps the one in Wilmington, but the largest number of members is at Ballard's Bridge, Chowan county, Rev. West Leary, Pastor. That church reports 559 members, and Aheskie church 382; Ross' Church 372, all near the lower Roanoke, in Chowan Association. Most of the Baptist membership and churches is in the eastern counties, and chiefly in the Roanoke section. Chowan Association is the largest division of the church, and has 56 churches, 33 ordained ministers, and about 10,-

000 members. Cape Fear Association is next largest, with 56 churches, 32 ministers, and about 7,000 members. Fayetteville and vicinity is in Cedar Creek Association. Fayette-

From the Raleigh News. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

SECOND DAY. FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. S, 1872. The report of the missionaries on yesterday, who have been engaged in destitote fields of the State during the past year,

were admitted into the Baptist denomination since the last session of the conven-Dr. H. C. Troy, of Greenville Theological Seminary, and Rev. C. T. Bailey, of

on the subject of ministerial education last The Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College recommend to the Convention an

endowment of one hundred thousand dollars for that institution, to be raised during the present year. Rev. J. C. Hiden, Paston of the First Baptist church in Wilmington, made a pow- time and harvest has succeeded the one

let it be one in truth. He said it was a common idea among within these halls. some of our people that the Catholics had the best schools in the land, and that their Priests were the best educated men in the riod! A large portion of two great cities pulpit. A greater mistake was never laid in ashes! reminding us of our own entertained. The fact is, they have really desolation a few years past. How many of very few schools of first grade and but few those who were with us last year are abstood and repeated latin to a people that did forever! not knw oue word of latin, was no evidence of that man's being educated. He visited a Catholic church on St. Patrick's Day, not long since, expecting to hear something entertaining-that the service was all in latin, so-called, except prosperity. The busy hum of industry has the sermon, and to his astonishment he could not tell what the Priest was trying and the warehouse. Our commerce has to read, or hardly able to gather one sen- | whitened many seas; carrying our products ciation; although, said he, I am certain I energy and enterprise is tending to our than this of their educated Priesthood. He professions and occupations to produce

ministers, educate your children and these Dr. Pritchard followed Mr. Hiden in sup- | several of the largest agricultural societies port of the same, making one of the most powerful appeals we ever listened to.

resolutions, also made a powerful and ear- the State Fair had not been revived, after embroidered drawers, gown yokes (20 nest appeal, in which he said there was the great war. The Weldon and the Charscarcely ever any great enterprise to be lotte Fairs followed us one year later, and undertaken in which the Baptists were not recently the Goldsboro Fair has been in- mats (41 pieces), beaded letter receiver; Avers and others, the resolutions were

to entertain every delegate in the most cordial manner.

From the Courrier des Etats Unia. A Fearful Catastrophe. We read in yesterday evening's Commercial Advertiser

"The writer on the staff of the Courrier who brought forth the "Epilaryngorrhippodemie" has suddenly disappeared. It is supposed that he has been murdered by

R. Stuart will be the President of the con- in this statement. One of the Herald's solidated Company, H. M. Drane, of Wil- staff did, in fact, feloniously attempt to asmington, Vice-President, and Dr. W. A. sassinate our unfortunate colleague by te.l when or where the work of destruction If you wish to address Dr. Greenleaf, he is tera," but our friend was only stunned by will cease. It is safe to say that the fire at No. 20 Nassau street, rooms 52 and 53, the blow and is now in a fair way to re-

mington, and quite a number of the animals are down with it. It first made its field.

ern land, so recently a devastated battle. T Mebane, Wilmington, tatting; Miss field.

Fannie B McClenahan, Bladen, quilt; Miss appearance here on Tuesday and in eight We say to our associates, let no one Octavia Stanback, Richmond, counterhours every horse in Messrs. Southerland falter in his duties. We have undertaken panes; Miss M C Hoskins, Wilmington, & Steagall's stables, more than fifty in a good work; let us not lock back, because tattin; Mrs Sternberger, do, quilt; Mrs number, were taken with it, and we un- those who are as much interested in its Juo Boddie, Nash, domestic carreting; derstand that there are quite a number of ultimate success as we are, seem lukewarm, Miss Clara Boddie, do, gown yoke; Miss light, however, and all owners hope for a they should do themselves, and for them. W H Hanks, Durham, ladies shawls, dian of the room wherein the strychnine are hundreds of thousands whose interests are all the other way, and we have no doubt that the merchants of New acts.

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LOCAL.

FOURTH ANNUAL FAIR OF THE CAPE FEAR AGRICULTURAL AS-

SOCIATION. The Fourth Annual Fair of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association was inaugu- these Halls. rated yesterday. The day did not open very auspiciously, as rain was threatened early in the morning. The attendance at the Grounds was, as is generally the case the first day, a slim one, and the General Secretary and his assistants were all busy in entering the articles that rapidly arrived for exhibiton. The Grounds were all in achieved only by hard, steady and unregood order, the race course, only, being a mitting toil. little heavy from the effects of recent rains. To those who have, from year to year But this has already been remedied, to a met us here and contributed to our sucgreat extent, by the bright sun that shone | cess, we tender the thanks of the Associavesterday afternoon.

The Citizen says that apples, just a litmatter in charge, and was fast filling up trust that the past and the present is but a with the many articles sent in by exhibit- drop in the ocean of a grand and glorious Grounds, will receive full justice in to-

The proceedings of the Fair were inaugurated by the procession of Marshals, on horse-back around the race course, while a fall band of music, at the Grand Stand, welcome to all of every party, race or doadded life to the occasion. On their re- minion, who are here to help us advance turn, the Marshals halted in front of the | the prosperity of our common home. The Goldsboro Messenger says: Col. Stand, when Rev. George Patterson, escorted by Col. S. L. Fremont, the President of the Association, read the Collect and delivered a beautiful Prayer, as

THE COLLECT. " C God, our refuge and strength, who judgest among the nations; who makest wars to cease; who breakest the bow and cuttest the spear in sunder, give peace in our time, O Lord, that without sacrifice of duty or of true honor, the sword may be broken into the ploughshare and the spear into the pruning hook, that we may learn and practice the arts of peace; and surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the force of any adversaries. Through the might of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

" Almighty and merciful God, by Whose seech Thee to grant wisdom to the councils and success to the undertakings of thes:, Thy servants, who have joined them- Orange, largest yield corn, 1 acre; H C the purpose of more fully improving the ton, I acre; J H & J M Westbrook, New bounties and good gifts which Thou hast bestowed upon us, and of enlarging the prosperity and happiness of the land in to bring these to good effect. Make bale cotton; II A Shirley, Edgecombe, bale all their councils and their labors to cotton; J T Pike, Wayne, bale cotton; M T and the welfare of Thy While cess in any but Thee, let them not sacri. Placide Engelhard, beets; L. A. Powell. fice unto their own nets and burn incense | Sampson, corn and potatoes; W P Grainunto their own drags. Enable us to re- ger, Wayne, bale coton; T A Grainger, do, member that it is Thou who makest the 2 bags wheat, bale clover, 2 bags oats. grass to grow upon the mountains and herb turnips; Jas Norwood, Orange, Virginia for the use of men, that Thou givest fod- | White wheat, rye, oats, Irish petatoes, grass der unto the cattle, and feedest the young seed, native hay, timothy; C C Bor ravens that call upon Thee, that it is Thou who blessest the husbandman and the C Smith, Cumberland, stock of cotfruits of the field, that it is Thou who refreshest the weary earth with seasonable | bale cloth, pea vine hay, peanuts, millet, showers, for Thou hast the key of rain and corn, sweet potatoes, English turnips; it the key of Providence, that Thy Hand is not shortened, and Thy mercies have no Columbus, 2 bales cotton; J H & J M limits.—Bless us then O God, continually with Thy loving kindness, and crown each revolving year with plenty, so that

the mower may fill his hand, and that bindeth up the f'sheaves his bosom, that our garners may be full with all manner of store, that our sheep may bring forth thousands and tens | Z French, New Hanover, pair farm mules, of thousands in our streets, that our oxen may be strong to labor, that our hearts | Edgecombe, trotting and pacing mare. W may be replenished with food and gladness, Q Maultsby, Columbia, harness horse, that there be no complaining, no cry of Van Macomber, Wilmington, harness hunger and famine heard among us. Give | horse. us sufficient for this life, the light of Thy countenance, and contented spirits, and R Thigpen, Edgecombe, Poland China above all, incline us to seek first the King- boar and sow, pair native pigs. dom of Heaven and the righteousness | thereof, being sure that then all other mington, pair Brahma fowls; James Northings shall be added unto us. Grant the wood, Wayne, pair black stone-fence camedesires and hear the prayers of Thy ser- cock. vants for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, who hast taught us when we Warrenton, delivered powerful addresses pray to say: "Our Father," &c. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

At the conclusion of the Prayer, Cel. Fremont arose and, in behalf of the Assoclation, delivered the following eloquent

Address of Welcome: PRESIDENT'S WELCOME. Ladies and Gentlemen :- Another seed erful appeal in behalf of the recommenda- marked by our last gathering upon these rolled around since we greeted each other

How many and how great are the changes that have filled up the history of that peeally educated Priests. Because a man sent to-day, and will be with us no more

Weary with the march of life. The past year has been one of general been heard from the field, the workshop would have understood him had he read advancement in the right direction. It is called upon the delegates to beware of the more and better articles for exhibition infidelism in the shape of refined literature, | within these halls, and for the markets of

been held in the Cape Fear country. It set in motion and encouraged by its success, that now have an honorable existence in the State. When the charter of this As- gowns, chemises, infant's skirt, worsted Hon. John Kerr, in support of the same sociation was enacted by the Legislature, tidy, silk embroidered slippers, (8 pieces), After some further remarks by Rev. I. are placed upon a permanent and endur-

Such are some of the fruits of our humble, yet earnest, endeavors to rebuild and Draughon, Sampson, embroidered hand-advance the material wealth and prosperity kerchief and yoke; Miss Sue Collier, The hospitality of this people is un- advancethe material wealth and prosperity bounded. Nothing has been left undone of our county. We envy none of them, their greater (if they have had superior) prosperity and success. We welcome The Convention will adjourn on Sunday | them to the field as co-workers in the same | mats and | water cover, washstand mats,

prosperity. No country can be great and prosperous improvements and manufacturing skill and commercial prosperity.

All men, everywhere, who rightly appreand their posterity, at the close of the great Roger Moore, do, opera cloak; Mrs L C civil war, have joined successfully in the Davis, do, needlework; Mrs S W Vick, do, great struggle that is now going on, bring- quilt, counterpane; Miss I' E Latta, do, out of darkness," and which is des- broidered pillow cases and chemise, cro-THE MALADY IN WILMINGTON .- The tined, ere long, to shed untold blessings | chet mats, fancy quilt; Mrs Joel Loftin, horse disease has at length reached Wil- of wealth and prosperity upon our South- Duplin, socks and stockings; Miss Fannie

means least, Ladies! Are you all here toilet and washstand mats, infant shirts,

with the best articles you can, or have produced 2. Have you come to meet each other and campare your several articles of produce, stock, merchandise and handiwork, for competition, and to obtain rewards for excellence? If so, you are

doubly welcome to these Grounds and to And to all our guests we bid a cordial welcome. We are thrice glad to meet so large a number of our solid men and tair women. It shows that you take an interest in our work; and it is well that you do, as this Association has your interests-the mainspring of its action-at heart and upon which it has built up its success; a success well-deserved, because it has been

tion. We are deeply indebted to friends Floral Hall was beautifully decorated by from more than fifteen counties of the the ladies who had so kindly taken the State, for contributions to our Fair. We ors. These, as well as those on the prosperity in the future for these Annual

I did not appear here to-day to make a speech, but simply to thank you for your presence, and welcome you to this, our Fourth Annual Fa,r. I say, then, a glad

The following is a list of some of the articles entered to date :

Class 1, Field Crops .- Willard Bros,

Wilmington, largest yield of tomatoes; lar-

DEPARTMENT A.

gest crop beets, garden peas, encumbers; native hay; largest amount domestic manure; J T Pike, Wayne, largest yield cotton per acre; J R Thigpen, Edgecombe, largest yield oats on 4 acres; largest amount domestic manure; II A Shirley, do, largest yield cotton on 5 acres; Jos H Saunders, Pitt, largest amount domestic manure; R F Boykin, Sampson, largest yield cotton by Starr Phosphate; Haywood Hamm, Wayne, largest yield corn; L A Powell, Sampson, largest yield corn and potatoes on one acre; W P Grainger, Wayne, largest yield cotton on one acre; T A Grainger, do, largest yield power we were created, and by Whose wheat and red clover; Jas Norwood, Orbounty we are sustained. Who hath com- auge, largest yield wheat, oats and rye, 5 manded us to work while it is day, and acres each, Irish potatoes, ! acre, native hast declared that to take our portion, and grass 2 acres, red clover 1 acre, timothy, lucerne, tall meadow oats, mountain evergreen, largest amount domestic manure, largest exhibition of field crops; H D Hamm, selves together in brotherly fellowship for Rockwell, Columbus, largest yield cot-Hanover, largest yield cotton, 4 acres. Class 2, Samples Field Crops.—R F Herring, Sampson, bale cotton; D W which we live. As Thou hast put into Ketchum, Marion, S C; 1 bbl rosin; Wiltheir minds good desires and wholesome lard Bres, Wilmington, best bale native purposes, so do Thou enable them and out hay; R W Hicks, agent, Duplin. begin in Thy fear, and to end in Thy glory | Edgerton, do, bale cotton; JR Thigpen, which is good, let them not trust for suc- | bales cotton and shucks, head corn; Miss

deaux, New Hanover, bale cotton; A

ton; George Z French, New Hanover,

Hamn, Orange, bag corn; H C Rockwell,

Westbrook, bale estion.

Class 1, Cattle - J R Thigpen, Edge. combe, ox. Clase 2, Horses.—Willard Bros., single harness horse, raised in North Carolina; G saddle mare, brood mare. Wm G Moore,

Class 3, Sheep Goa's, and Swine .- J Class 4, Poultry.-John Daniel, Wil-

DEPARTMENT C. Class 1, Household Products. - Miss Jeanette Falconer, Wilmington, loaf of bread without shortening; Miss Mary Hall, do., biscuit; Mrs Walker Moore, do., jar peach preserves; Mrs Jas W Lloyd, Edgecombe, jelly; Mrs Dr L Staton, do, do; Mrs J W Atkinson, do, pastry, rolls, pre-serves, pickles, jelly; Miss H N Latta, do, loaf bread, custard pie; Miss M C Latta, do, grape jelly, apple jelly, apple preserves, temato preserves, peach marmalade, grape preserves, tea cake, rolls, jellies, gelatine, domestic starch; Mrs M N Utley, do, pickles, preserves; Mrs F W Kerchner. do, pepper sauce; DeRossett & Co, do, box starch; Mrs H Webb, do, jellies, pear marmalade; grape jam, preserved pears, peach preserves, red plum jam, peach marmalade, green gage plum jam; Mrs J R Thigpen, Tarboro, jar soap; Mrs John Boddie, do,

jelly cake, preserved peaches, apple jelly,

tomatoe catsup; Mrs W H Hanks, Durham,

apple, pear, cherry and tomatoe pre-

serves, canned tomatoes and peaches,

pickled cucumbers and tomatoes, mixed

pickles, oil mangoes, tomatoe catsup, co-

coanut, walnut and plain candies. Class 2 - Needle Work, &c .- Miss Mary Vincent, 6 years, Wilmington, bed quilt Miss Maggie Norwood, Orange, infant's embroidered skirt; Miss Florence McGowan, Raleigh, zephyr wool-work boquet of flowers; Miss Martha Draughon, Sampson. hand-made shirt; Miss N P Lloyd, Edgecombe, bed quilt; Miss II II Shaw, do hand-made snirt, rag carpet; Mrs J R Thigpen, do, rag carpets, bed quilt; Mrs D L Williams, do, tobacco bag; Miss Placide Engelhard, Wilmington, tidy, cotton socks hand-made apron, woolen socks; Mrs J W Atkinson, do, bed quilt, afghan, silk quilt catch-all, embroidered handkerchief, applique embroidered, mat, by girl 12 years old; Industrial School, do, patch quilts; Miss Laura E Currie, New Hanover, cotton socks; Mrs J W Wiggins, Wilson, night pieces), chemise yokes (33 pieces), cush ion cover, washstand mats (5 pieces), tal-le Mrs A D Moore, Wilson, gown yokes; Mrs B Gleaves, Wilmington, knitted quilt, crochet tidy, crotchet laces, baby's dress (150 years old); Miss Martha Wayne, table mats (21 pieces,) tidy; Miss Sophy Partridge, Raleigh, toile, cushion, jewelry box and basket, work box, table

great struggle-to improve our good old embroideried handkerchief,; Mrs E A Pur-Commonwealth in her agricultural, me- nell, Wilmington, embroidered sacque chanical, and commercial resources and crotchet sacque, embroidered fiannel skirt, opera cloak; Miss M Norwood, Hillsboro', infant's skirt and sacque, gent's shirt; Mrs whose agricultural interests are neglected A B Huske, Hillsboro', koit socks' and suffered to languish. Commerce is ladies' boes, ladies' dressing sacque the great agent of civilization in every Miss Lizzie Huske, Hillsboro' pin cushion, country, in every age, while mechanical ornamental needle work; Mrs II Webb, Wilmington, crochet tidy, knitted tidy, sola have gone hand in hand with agricultural cushion; Miss II M Latta, do, needlework; Miss M C Latta, do, knitted tidy, crochet tidy; Mrs L T Love, do, needlework; Mrs ciale the duties they owe to themselves | Martha Armstrong, do, needlework; Mrs ing "order out of confusion and light embroidery; Mrs F W Kerchner, do, em-

tidy, child's sacque, child's hood